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SUBJECT: EVACUATING AEF MISSIONARIES FROM ANGOLA

1. THE DEPT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE HQ OF THE AFRICAN EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP (AEF) THAT REV. PHILLIP GAMMON, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE AEF, HAS ORDERED, REPEAT ORDERED, ALL AEF MISSIONARIES IN ANGOLA TO DEPART THAT COUNTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE HQ HAS REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CONGEN IN ADVISING THE MISSIONARIES OF THIS AND ASSISTING THEM TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION.

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TION FROM ANGOLA.

2. ACCORDING TO THE HQ THE FOLLOWING AEF MISSIONARIES SAFELY DEPARTED ANGOLA IN THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS: ESTHER WEIN (AMERICAN); SHIRLEY GRANT (CANADIAN); BUELA SARGEANT (CANADIAN); PEGGY FOSTER (CANADIAN) AND PAUL HOCKERSMITH (AMERICAN--SON OF DARRELL HOCKERSMITH).

3. THE FOLLOWING AEF MISSIONARIES REMAIN:

A) IN CATOTA: WALTER ZIGRANG (AMERICAN); LOIS ZIGRANG (AMERICAN); GLEN ZIGRANG--SON (AMERICAN); ELIZABETH SUDERMAN (AMERICAN); ISA LEITAS (BRAZILIAN); SR AND SRA JOSE RODRIGUEZ AND 6 CHILDREN (PORTUGUESE).

B) IN CAVANGO: DARRELL HOCKERSMITH (AMERICAN); BARBARA HOCKERSMITH (AMERICAN); STEPHEN FOSTER (CANADIAN).

C) IN SA DA BANDEIRA: WILHELM BRANDLEY (SWISS); REGINA BRANDLEY (AMERICAN); DONALD LUTES (CANADIAN); FLORENCE LUTES(CANADIAN).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE CONGEN SHOULD RELAY THE ABOVE MESSAGE TO KILDAY IN NOVA LISBOA AND ASK HIM TO NOTIFY PETER MUIR. (MUIR IS NOW STAYING AT THE CENTRAL EVANGELICAO DE LITERATURA BIBLICA ON THE MAIN STREET IN NOVA LISBOA). ACCORDING TO THE HQ, MUIR WILL BE ABLE TO PASS THE MESSAGE TO CAVANGO AND CATOTA. LUANDA SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REACH EITHER MRS. BRANDLEY OR MRS. LUTES IN SA DA BANDEIRA AND PASS ON THE ORDER TO DEPART. HOWEVER, IN THEIR PARTICULAR CASE THE HQ IS WILLING TO LEAVE THE DEPARTURE DECISION UP TO THE WIVES OF THE TWO IMPRISONED MISSIONARIES. THE WIVES MAY REMAIN FOR NOW, IF NECESSARY TO INSURE THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR HUSBANDS, BUT WHEN THE HUSBANDS ARE RELEASED THE COUPLES SHOULD DEPART.

5. THE DEPT ASSUMES TRANSPORTATION ON THE EVACUATION FLIGHTS FROM NOVA LISBOA WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN MISSIONARIES IN CATOTA, CAVANGO AND NOVA LISBOA. TO THE DEGREE POSSIBLE THE CONGEN SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTEMPT TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THE TWO MISSIONARY COUPLES IN SA DA BANDEIRA AND ASSIST THEM TO OBTAIN PASSAGE WHEN THEY ARE ABLE TO DEPART.

6. WE INFORMED THE AEF HQ THAT THE USG COULD NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE BRAZILIAN LADY OR THE PORTUGUESE FAMILY. HOWEVER, WE ADVISED THE AEF THAT SEATS FOR THESE PEOPLE COULD PROBABLY BE ARRANG-

ED ON ONE OF THE PORTUGUESE OR US EVACUATION PLANES, IF
THE MISSIONARIES ARRIVED IN NOVA LISBOA BEFORE THE OCT 6
DEADLINE FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE FLIGHTS. DECONTROL
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